



Hands-on Lab : Basics of PowerPoint

Estimated time needed: 15 minutes

Microsoft PowerPoint is the most widely used presentation software even three decades after its initial release. For all these years it has been available as a standard application that needed to be installed on your desktop; but it is not just a desktop app anymore. Now, you can even use PowerPoint when you're online by using 'PowerPoint for the web' - and run it right in your web browser without installing anything on your desktop!

'PowerPoint for the Web' (sometimes referred to as PowerPoint Online) can be used at no charge as part of a free Microsoft account. Although it does not have all of the capabilities of the desktop and paid online versions, the free web version provides many of the key features.

Software Used in this Lab

For the story telling/project report of this module, you will be using the free 'PowerPoint for the web' version as this is available to everyone.

Although you can use the PowerPoint Desktop software if you have access to this version, it is recommended that you use PowerPoint for the web for your project report as it is available for free, and there are some small differences in the interface and available features. If you do not yet have access to PowerPoint for the Web, you can follow the instructions in the following lab to get started with it: [Hands-on Lab - Getting Started with PowerPoint for the Web](#)

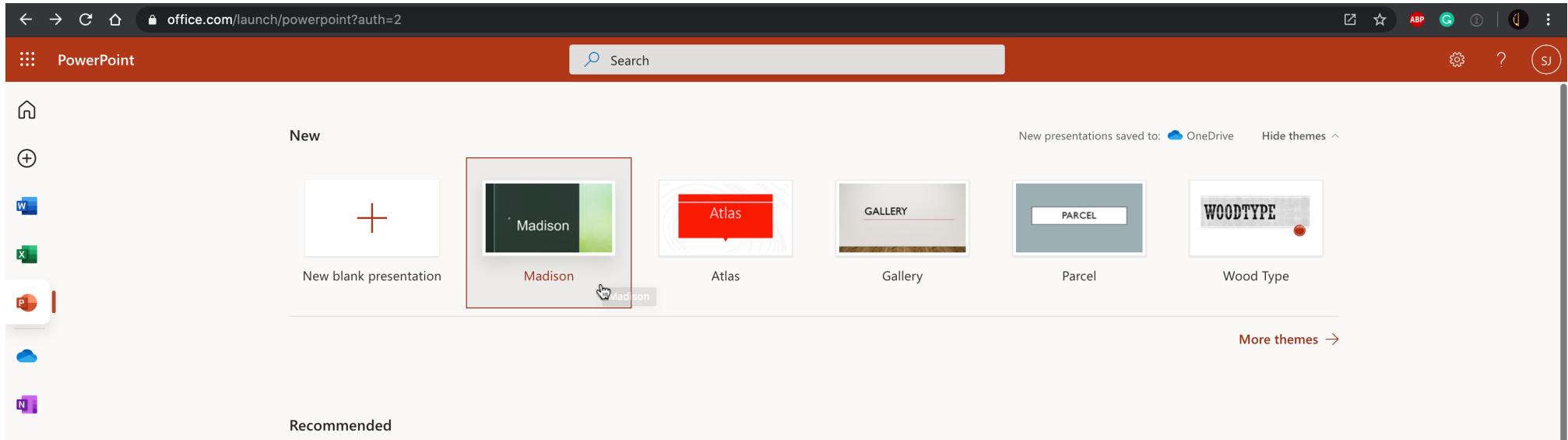
Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Create presentations from scratch / template
- Add new slide and change slide layout and design
- Add text, images, art, and videos

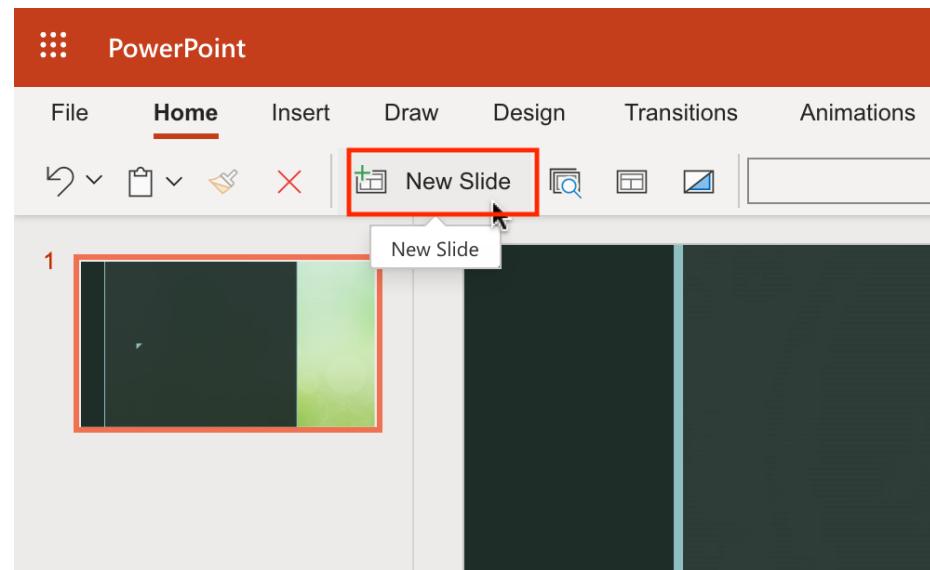
Exercise 1: Create presentations from scratch / template

1. Go to www.office.com. Sign in and go to PowerPoint for the Web.
2. On the PowerPoint homepage, you can either select **New blank presentation** to start from scratch or some templates. Select **Madison** as a template.

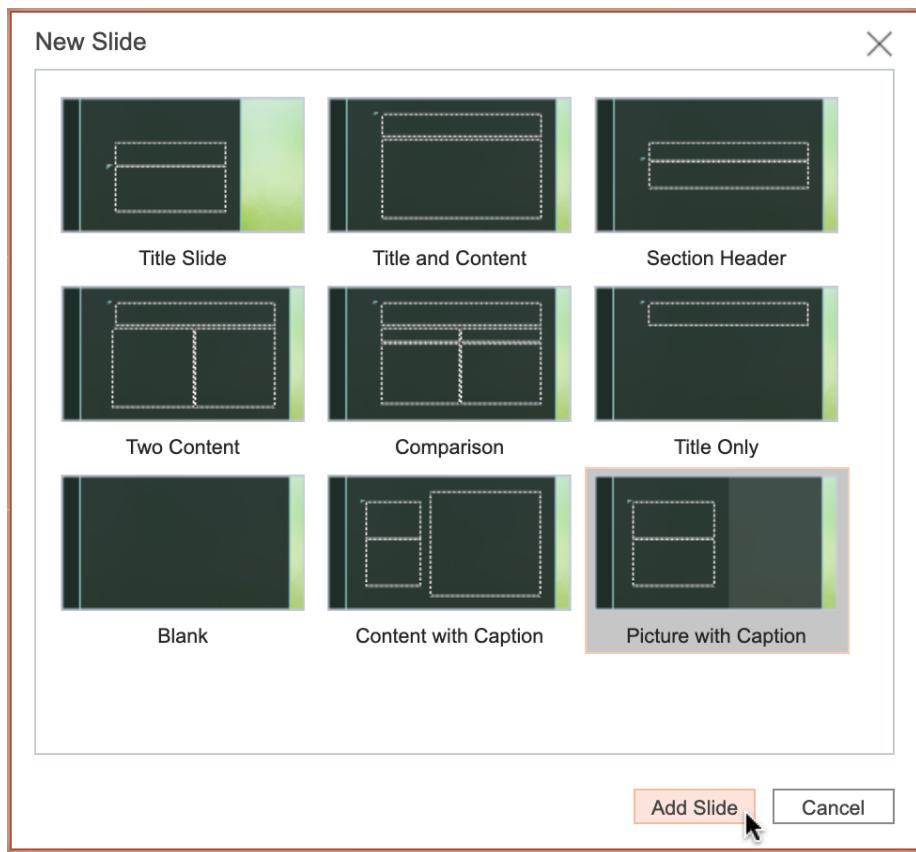


Exercise 2: Add new slide and change slide layout and design

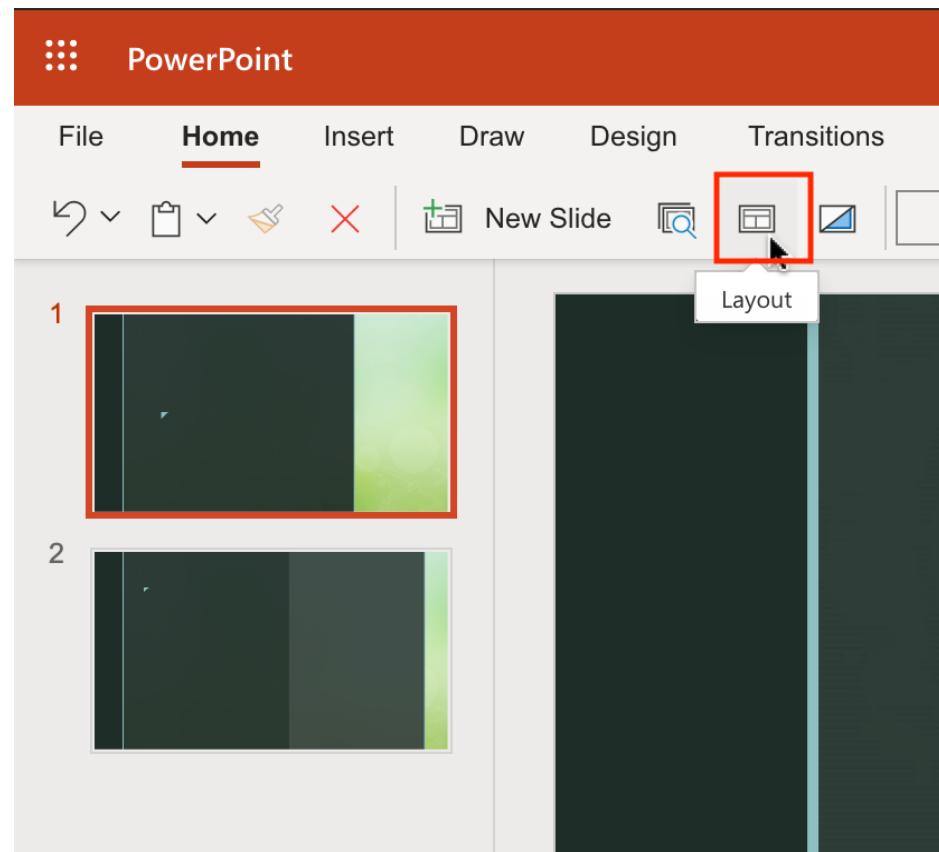
1. Click **New Slide**



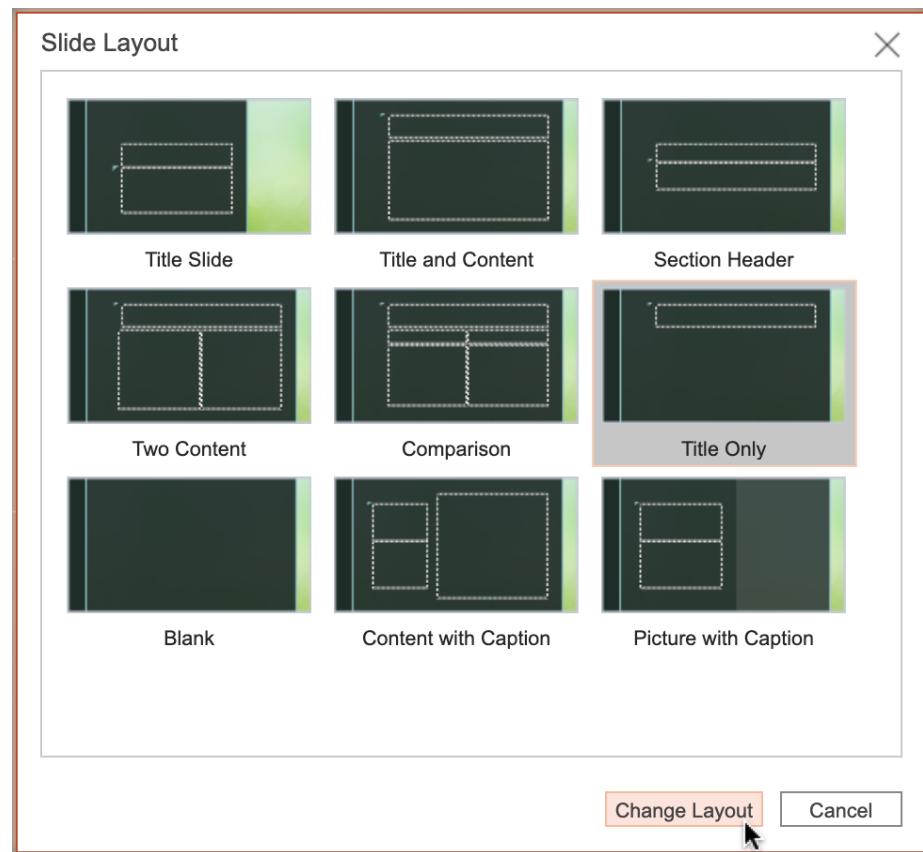
2. Select **Picture with Caption** type slide and click **Add Slide**.



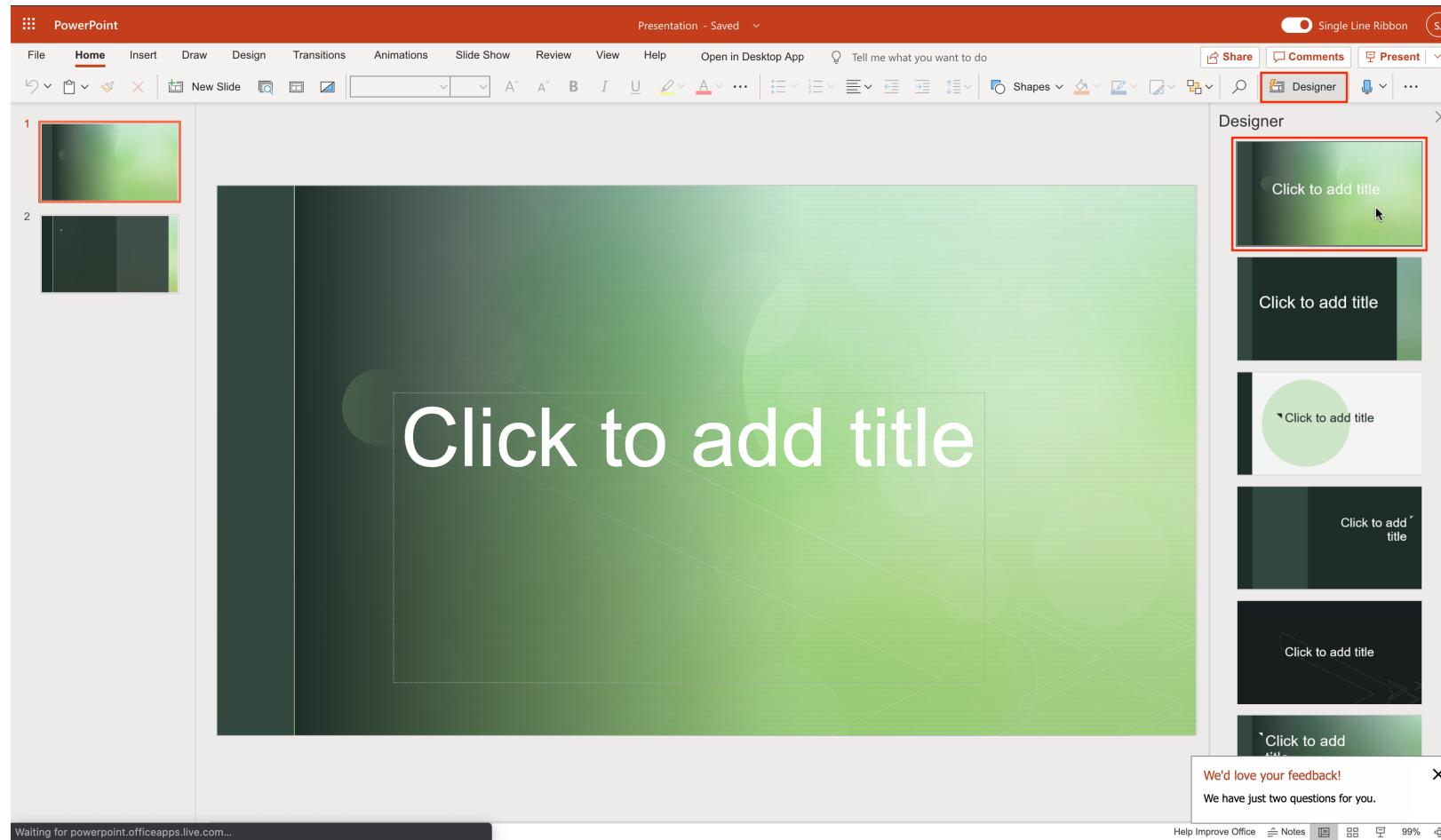
3. Go back to slide 1 and click **Layout** icon.



4. Select **Title Only** layout and click **Change Layout**.

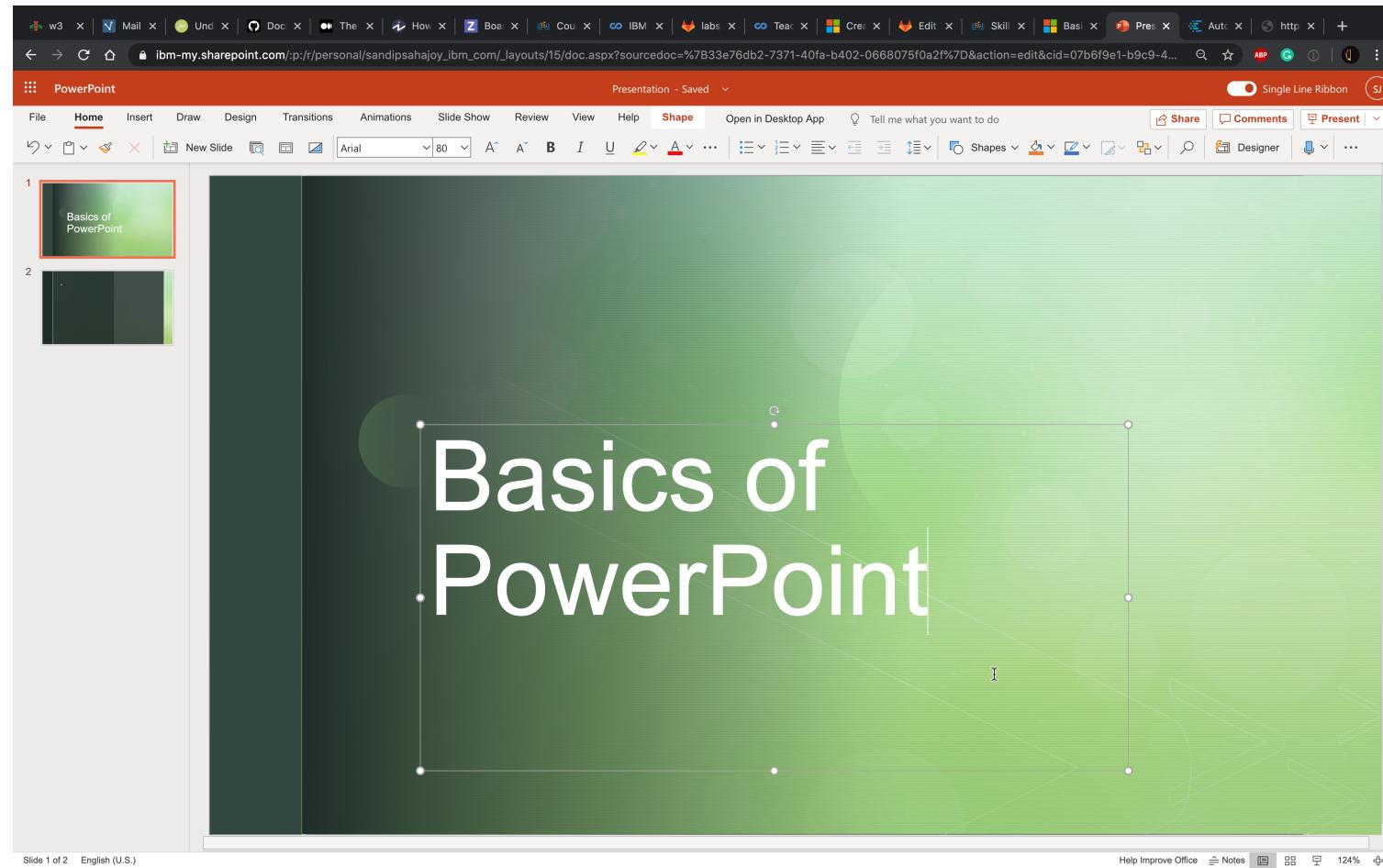


5. Select **Designer**. Select any design from the right **Designer** pane to change the design of slide 1.



Exercise 3: Add text, images, art, and videos

1. Switch to slide 1 if needed. Click on the textbox **Click to add title** and type “Basics of PowerPoint” as title.



2. Switch to slide 2. Click on the textbox **Click to add title** and type “Objectives” as title.

3. Click on the textbox **Click to add text** and type:

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4. Select all text from second textbox and click **Bulleted Library** to select a bullet option.

New Slide Arial 20pt **A** A **B** *I* U ... Shapes Designer

Click icon to add picture

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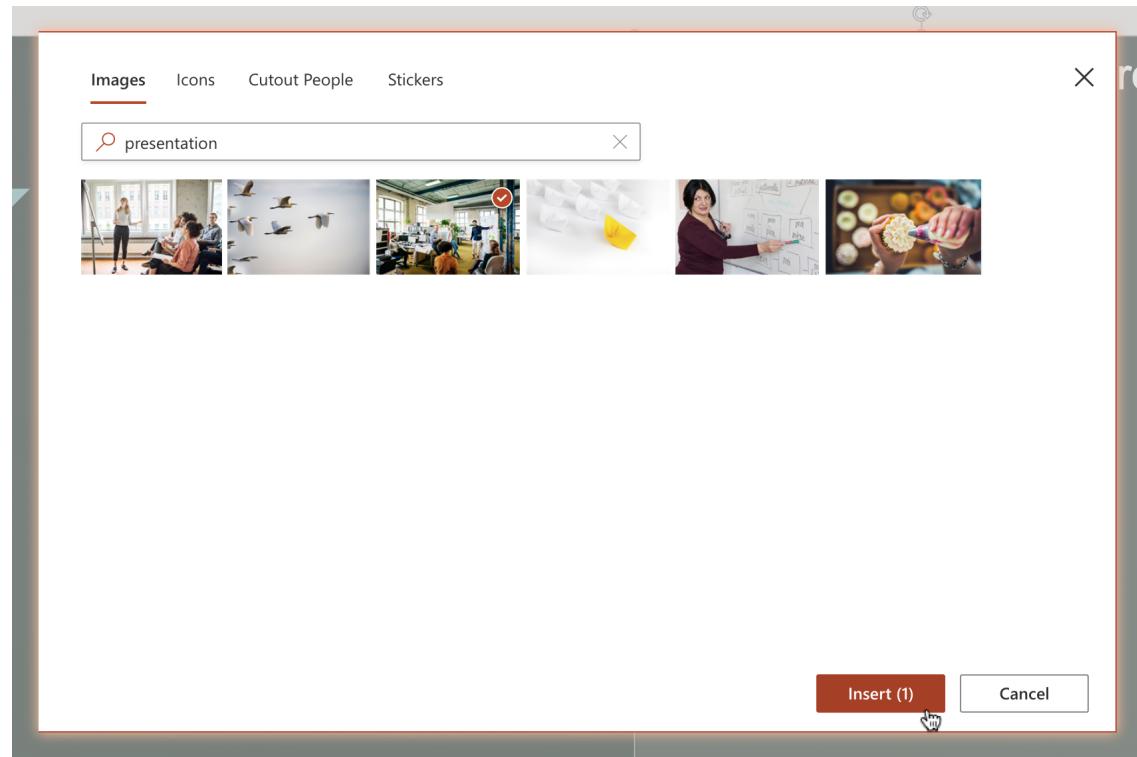
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5. Now click the web search option like below from the right-hand section of the slide.

Click icon to add picture



6. Type “presentation” and select an appropriate picture you like to add to your slide. Then click **Insert**.



7. From the right **Designer** pane , select a design you like to visualize the inserted picture on the slide.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft PowerPoint slide deck. The main slide in the center is titled "Objectives" and contains the following bullet points:

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The background of the slide features a grayscale photograph of a man standing and gesturing while speaking to a group of people in an office environment. On the left side of the screen, there is a navigation pane with two slides visible:

- 1 Basics of PowerPoint
- 2 Objectives

The second slide, "Objectives", has a red border around its thumbnail in the navigation pane. The top of the screen shows the PowerPoint ribbon with various tabs and icons. To the right of the main slide area, there is a "Designer" panel open, which displays a grid of preview thumbnails for different slide designs.

Congratulations! You have completed this Lab.

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Changelog

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